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1. IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS AND REF A IN
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HAITIANS PRESENTLY IN GUANTANAMO SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROM

REGULAR IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WOULD SUFFER PERSECUTION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, POLITICAL OPINION OR MEMBERSHIP IN A PARTICULAR SOCIAL GROUP SHOULD THEY BE RETURNED TO HAITI.

2. BASED ON THE ABOVE, THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT COMNAVBASE GUANTANAMO MAKE APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EARLIEST RETURN OF THESE HAITIANS AND THEIR VESSEL TO PORT AU PRINCE. PLEASE INFORM EMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE OF PRECISE DETAILS OF ARRANGEMENTS.

3. FOR EMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE: PLEASE INFORM GOH OF PLANNED REPATRIATION OF HAITIANS AND PROVIDE BACKGROUND OF THEIR DEPARTURE FROM HAITI AND ARRIVAL IN GTMO. COORDI-

NATE ARRIVAL PROCEDURES WITH RESPONSIBLE GOH OFFICIALS AND ARRANGE FOR EMBOFF MONITORING OF PROCESSING OF RETURNEES. DEPARTMENT DESIRES EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPORT ON GOH HANDLING OF RETURNEES AND OF THEIR RELEASE.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD CONTEMPLATE FOLLOW-UP CHECKS ON THE STATUS OF THIS GROUP IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. KISSINGER

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